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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SPECIAL GROUP (AUGMENTED)

FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Operation Mongoose

REFERENCE: Memo prepared by General Taylor, dated 5 March 1962,
entitled "Guidelines for Operation Mongoose"

It is strongly recommended that paragraph 2 of the reference
memorandum be changed to read as follows:

"The immediate priority objective of U.S. efforts
during the coming months will be the acquisition of hard
intelligence on Cuba. Concurrently, all other political,
economic and covert actions will be undertaken short of
those reasonably calculated to inspire a revolt within
Cuba, or other development which would require U.S.
armed intervention. These actions, insofar as possible,
will be consistent with overt policies of isolating Castro
and of neutralizing his influence in the Western Hemisphere.
The JCS will carry forward the necessary planning. At the
end of this first period, the situation will be reviewed
and a decision taken as to the next phase of the program."

Cy to: General Taylor
General [redacted]
SAC [redacted] /Dep U/Sec. Johnson
SAC [redacted] /DepSec. Gilpatrick
SAC [redacted] (Thru Gen. Craig)
SAC [redacted] Lansdale
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